

- 7 • based on the location, second retrieving from the first database, via a network,
8 information sufficient to identify a location of a second database, the second database
9 containing further information supplementing the content of the carrier; and
- 10 • third retrieving the further information from the second data base via a network,
- 11 • wherein, none of the retrievings require transmitting information identifying a playback
12 unit.

27. The method of claim 26, wherein the carrier is a read-only optical disc carrying audio and/or video content for playback to a user and the data identifier is stored amongst the audio and/or video content.

28. The method of claim 26, wherein the second and third retrievings occur via a location of the first database, which is remote from a playback unit for the carrier.

29. The method of claim 26, wherein the first and third retrievings occur at a playback unit for the carrier, while the second retrieving occurs at a location remote from the playback unit.

30. The method of claim 26, wherein the second and third retrieving occur via the Internet.

31. The method of claim 26, wherein the data identifier comprises a title of a piece of content on the carrier.

- 1 32. A playback unit for a published digital record carrier, the playback unit comprising:
- 2 • means for accommodating the carrier;

3 • means adapted to perform the following operations:

- 4 a. first retrieving a data identifier from amongst other content of the carrier, the data
5 identifier including information sufficient to identify a location of a first database,
6 the first database containing information supplementing the content of the carrier;
- 7 b. accessing the first data base via a network to cause first retrieval therefrom of
8 information sufficient to identify a location of a second database, the second database
9 containing further information supplementing the content of the carrier; and
- 10 c. causing second retrieval of the further information via a network;

11 • wherein the playback unit does not need be identified in order to cause retrieval of the
12 further information.

33. The unit of claim 32, wherein the carrier is a read-only optical disc carrying audio and/or video content for playback to a user and the data identifier is stored amongst the audio and/or video content.

34. The unit of claim 32, wherein the means for performing is configured so that the third retrieval occurs via a location of the first database.

35. The unit of claim 32, wherein the means for performing is configured so that third retrieval does not occur via the location of the first database.

36. The unit of claim 32, wherein the means for performing is configured so that the second and third retrievals occur via the Internet.

37. The unit of claim 32, wherein the data identifier comprises a title of a piece of content on the carrier.

38. An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein said data identifier comprises a title identifier identifying a title of the data to be read from the data carrier (1), in particular a title of a piece of music or video.

39. A method according to claim 20, comprising the step of associating an address of an information database (51) with one or more data identifiers.

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1 4. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said central database (4) and said information
2 database (51) are servers connected via a network, in particular servers connected via the
3 Internet.

1 5. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said reading means (21) is operative to read data
2 representing a block of audio information and to read a data identifier identifying said block of
3 audio information from the data carrier (1).

1 6. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said further information comprises data
2 representing a block of audio information and wherein said processing means (26) is operative to
3 reproduce said block of audio information.

Cont 7. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said processing means (26) is operative to display information on a monitor of a computer.

AD 1 12. An apparatus as claimed in claim 10, wherein the apparatus and said information database
2 (51) are servers connected via a network, in particular servers connected via the Internet.

AB 14. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said data carrier (1) is a digital data carrier, in particular a CD, DVD, SACD or flash card.

15. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said address of the information database (51) comprises the Internet address, in particular the URL, of said information database.

1 16. An apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said data identifier comprises a title identifier
2 identifying a title of the data to be read from the data carrier (1), in particular a title of a piece of
3 music or video.

AD 1 18. A method for reading data from a data carrier and for processing such read data, comprising:
2 - reading data to be processed and a data identifier identifying said data from said
3 data carrier (1),
4 - transmitting said data identifier to a central database (4) requesting further
5 information related to said read data,
6 - receiving a response message from said central database (4), which message
7 comprises said further information requested by said central database (4) from an information

8 database (51) storing said further information, and
9 processing said further information received from said information database (51)
10 via said central database (4).

1 19. A method for storing address data comprising addresses of information databases, said
2 information databases storing further information related to data stored on data carriers, said
3 method comprising:

4 - receiving a data identifier identifying said data stored on a data carrier (1) from an
5 apparatus (2) reading said data and said data identifier from said data carrier (1), and
6 - transmitting a response to said apparatus (2), said response message comprising said
7 further information requested from said information database (51) while using said data
8 identifier.

1 20. (amended) A method for providing access to information databases, said information
2 databases storing further information related to data stored on data carriers, said method
3 comprising:

4 - receiving a data identifier identifying said data stored on the data carrier (1) from an
5 apparatus (2) reading data and said data identifier from said data carrier (1), and
6 - transmitting a response to said apparatus (2), said response message comprising said
7 further information requested from said information database (51) while using said data
8 identifier.